GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN REPRESENTATION OF PEOPLE`S ACT
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring forward legislation to amend Representation of the People Act to provide for proxy voting for armed forces personnel serving in far-flung areas of the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) and (b) The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1999, seeking to provide an additional facility of voting through the system of proxy at elections to the members of the Armed Forces, etc. was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 9.12.1999.The bill was examined by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs and its report was presented to the House on 19.4.2001. The Bill is now pending for consideration and passing by the Houses of Parliament.